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In early October 1953, Dr. Lindstroem¹, head of the main administration for heavy chemicals, and Dr. Suetterlein (fnu), head of the production group for acids completed a report on the production of sulphuric acid under the five-year-plan in East Germany. The report which had been submitted to the Ministerial Council contained the following tabulations:

a. Consumers of sulphuric acid in 1953	tons
State Secretariat for Chemistry	226,000
Ministry of Light Industry	22,000
Soviet corporations	120,000
Ministry of Mining and Smelting	8,000
State Secretariat for Coal	2,000
Ministry of Food Industry	2,300
Local requirements	10,500
Miscellaneous consumers (Wismut AG and others)	3,000
	<u>393,800</u>

b. Production of sulphuric acid planned
by the five-year-plan: Estimated requirements

1951	219,000 tons	1951	283,000 tons
1952	297,000 "	1952	396,000 "
1953	350,000 "	1953	396,000 "
1954	540,000 "	1954	453,000 "
1955	560,000 "	1955	487,000 "

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The report indicated that the maximum production of sulphuric acid in 1955 would be 490,000 tons and that, therefore, imports will have to be made as long as the projected calcinated sulphuric acid plant in Coswig is not available.

[REDACTED] Comment. There is reason to believe that without the Coswig sulphuric acid plant the actual production in 1955 will be less than 490,000 tons and that East Germany will have to import to meet the estimated requirements of 487,000 tons of sulphuric acid.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: Dr. Karl-Friedrich Lindstrom.

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